

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2008 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 remain in this application, where claim 1 is independent.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-2 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0055008 (Young) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,760,389 (Aoki) and U.S. Patent No. 6,320,325 (Cok). Further, claims 3-7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Young in view of Aoki, Cok and U.S. Patent No. 5,838,308 (Knapp). Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Young in view of Aoki, Cok and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0017162 (Sato). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 are patentable over Young, Aoki, Cok, Knapp and Sato for at least the

following reasons.

Young is directed to matrix array display devices with light sensing elements and associated storage capacitors. As clearly shown in FIG 2, each pixel or display element 20 has single light sensing element 40 associated therewith. Further, as correctly noted on page 3 of the Final Office Action, Young does not disclose or suggest a further photosensitive element which is shielded from light emitted by the display element. Aoki and Cok are cited in an attempt to remedy the deficiencies in Young.

Aoki is directed to a transmitting type display device that includes a single detector, namely, an ambient light detector 17 formed on a rear transparent substrate 12 shown in FIG 1. As described on column 2, lines 59-62, a light-blocking layer 23 is formed on the back surface of the rear transparent substrate 12 such that it faces the ambient light detector 17. The light-blocking layer 23 serves to block light from the back side.

Cok is directed to an emissive display with luminance feedback from a representative pixel. A single photosensor 21 is located on the display device and optically coupled to the representative light emitting pixel. A signal detected by the photosensor 21 is

used to provide feedback to modify signals driving the display.

In summary, each of Young, Aoki and Cok discloses only a single photosensor or detector.

It is respectfully submitted that Young, Aoki, Cok, and combinations thereof, do not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

a discharge photosensitive element for discharging the storage capacitor in dependence on the light output of the display element; and  
a further photosensitive element which is shielded from light emitted by the display element while being exposed to light from other directions, and which is connected so as to cancel photocurrents produced in the discharge photosensitive element by light from the other directions.

Two photosensitive elements, where one is for discharging the storage capacitor in dependence on the light output of the display element, and another is for canceling photocurrents produced in the discharge photosensitive element by light from the directions other than from the display element, are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Young, Aoki and Cok, alone or in combination. Rather, Young, Aoki, Cok merely disclose a single photosensor.

Surely if it was obvious to provide two photosensitive

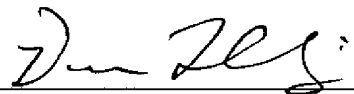
elements, as recited in independent claims 1, then Young, Aoki or Cok would have disclosed or suggested so. Without using the present application as a road map to reconstruct the present invention, and without the benefit of impermissible hindsight, one skilled in the art would not arrive in an obvious manner to the present invention from the disclosures of Young, Aoki and Cok. Knapp and Sato are cited to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Young, Aoki and Cok.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 is allowable. In additions, claims 2-13 are allowable at least based on their dependence from independent claim 1.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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